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1. The following loading and unloading operations were observed at the Weisswasser railroad station:

On 23 March: 2 JS-2 tanks                      JS-3 tank                      salvage tank                      truck                      and 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded and subsequently marched toward Nochten.

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On 25 March: about 160 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were unloaded and marched toward Nochten.

On 26 March: 5 T-34/85 tanks, salvage tanks                      were loaded.

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On 28 March: 1 train with 9 JS-2 tanks                      arrived.

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On 27 March, 7 JS-2 tanks and 3 driving school tanks and 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen on the Nochten-Boxberg road. There was intensive training activity in the Nochten area. On 23 March, trucks                      were seen in town traffic in Weisswasser.

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2. The following loading and unloading operations were observed at the Halle freight station:

29 March: T-34 tanks                      1 JS-2 tank                      and 1 SU-100 were unloaded and subsequently seen moving to the Luftnachrichten Kaserno.

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2 April: 2 SU-100                      were loaded for shipment toward Erfurt.

On 4 April: 1 SU-100                      JS-2 tank                      and T-34 tank                      were loaded for shipment toward Erfurt.

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On 6 April: T-34 tank                      3 JS-2 tanks including                      3 SU-100                      were loaded for shipment toward Erfurt.

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On 7 April: The Luftnachrichten Kaserne was occupied by 1,500 to 2,000 troops, most of whom wore red-bordered black epaulets and some black-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Soldiers seen in the billeting area engaged in training at group level. SU-100 6 tanks including T-34 and motor vehicles identified

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3. The following trains passed through Merseburg from the direction of Halle and proceeded toward Erfurt:

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At 4:45 p.m. on 18 March: a train with 15 trucks, 15 SP guns of type JSU-152, and 2 T-34 tanks on an undetermined number of flatcars and 17 boxcars.

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At 7:30 p.m. on 26 March: a train with 30 trucks, 5 sedans and 2 radio trucks on an undetermined number of flatcars and 12 boxcars.<sup>3</sup>

1. Comment. tank details of the 9th Mecz Div which, as late as the second half of March, were exchanged between the posts of Spremberg, Luebben and the Weisswasser troop training grounds.

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. Other indications allow the conclusion that the bulk of the division will start departing for the summer training after 10 April, presumably for Weisswasser.

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